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# CLUB

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## INS & OUTS

As a compere at social gatherings Jim Comans is practically in the professional class. He officiated in a most capable manner at the send off to John Devitt.

When winding up proceedings Jim said, "I hope I have not left anything out. Perhaps I should explain that when a doctor completes an operation he wonders if he has left anything in, but when a lawyer concludes a case he ponders whether he has left anything out!"

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## FIRST FLEETER

In this historic year we are pleased to record that the great-great-grandfather of Phil Smith arrived in Sydney with the first fleet. His name was Throsby Smith. ("Not in chains," Phil added.)

Throsby was given a grant of land which was a substantial portion of Wollongong. A section is now named Smith's Hill, upon which the original residence, "Bustle Cottage", still stands.

Phil says that he is not so active today in sport but he has been identified with Rugby Union, cricket, tennis, and he is a member of Double Bay Bowling Club.

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## SIR LESLIE'S HUMOUR

One always looks forward to Sir Leslie Herron's humour and well told anecdotes at any social function. It was again so when members and friends met in the Club to farewell Olympic champion swimmer, John Devitt, prior to his departure for an overseas appointment.

Said Sir Leslie, "A fellow judge was noted for his repartee. A prisoner addressed the judge and said, "As God is my judge, I am not guilty".

In most respectful and humble terms the judge replied, "He's not, I am, you are."

## FORTY YEARS SERVICE

In 1953, Mervyn D'Arcy joined Tattersall's Club, but since 1929 he has been with IAC, and is the only original member of the staff to complete forty years service.

Off duty he concentrates on gardening at his St. Ives home. He is a member of Avondale Golf Club—says Merv, "I'm no good at it, and nine or ten holes is enough to prove it to me."

He recently purchased a 15 ft. outboard to go fishing on Pittwater, but he humbly says, "I'm no great shakes at fishing either."

Our guess is that when some of his business success moves into his fishing excursions, and he catches a good haul, his attitude will soon change.



MERVYN D'ARCY

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## UPPER HOUSE

Newly elected to the Legislative Council recently were Club members Neville K. Wran, Q.C., and Leroy D. Serisier. Our congratulations, and of course, also to Asher Joel on his re-election.

## RUBY WEDDING

Red roses and red wines symbolised the ruby wedding anniversary of Ernie Wright and his wife, Isabelle.

At a party in the Club 40 years after the event, they were entertained by their son Craig and his wife, and some of their intimate original wedding guests were present.

Sincere congratulations, Isabelle and Ernie, here's to your golden and diamond anniversaries.

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## CUSTODIAN

Born at Young, policeman's son, Jack Grinham, has appropriately risen with the authority of a custodian to be guardian of finances as Receiver of the Commonwealth Treasury.

A regular on the Third Floor, particularly in the swimming pool, Jack is also a member of the Clovelly Eskimos and the Clovelly Surf Club.

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## HALF CENTURY

On the Ides of March our Treasurer, H. (Barney) Fay, Queensland born, received a telegram from the President, Committee and Secretary of Tattersall's Club in Brisbane, which gave him reason for pride and jubilation.

It read, "Today, 50 years ago, you were admitted to membership of this Club. Congratulations from all your many friends. Best wishes and a continuance of good health."

We hasten to add our congratulations, too, Barney, and pay tribute to your untiring efforts for Tattersall's which is a true Tale of Two Cities.

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## HISTORY IS MADE

Recently we commented on Norm Rogers being a born loser, being continually just beaten in Tattersall's sporting contests. But he is not a loser as far as his sons are concerned.

In a unique performance Neil, aged 16, won selection in two sections of the Australian swimming team for South Africa and Edinburgh. Neil's name will go down in swimming history as Australia has never sent away a dual competitor in both backstroke and butterfly events.

His brother, Greg, will accompany him, thus creating more history by becoming the first set of swimming brothers to represent Australia overseas in the one team.





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### BELTS AND BELTS

Through the portals of our Club come personages distinguished in all spheres, with some emphasis on the sporting world because we are Tattersall's.

So it was that last month we had a resident guest, Sir Leonard Hutton, renowned for his brilliance as a cricketer and his sporting and gentlemanly conduct both on and off the field.



There was plenty of cricket in the Hutton family, for his father and two brothers were associated with young Len's first cricket team, the Pudsey St. Lawrence C.C. That was in 1931, when Len was 16. Next year he was playing with Yorkshire County Second XI, and in 1934 he was in the first team.

His entry into the aura of Test cricket was in 1937 when he played for England against New Zealand. Expecting to hear of a mammoth score we asked what it was, and he replied, "I have no trouble in remembering it because it is impossible to forget—it was a duck and one!"

The contrast was exemplified when in 1938 playing against Don Bradman the world batting record was broken. Bradman then held the almost unchal-

langable record of 334, but it was to be eclipsed by Len Hutton with a magnificent 364 which will take a lot of topping.

"And Sir Donald Bradman was the first to congratulate me," said Sir Leonard. "I have very happy memories of the Sydney Cricket Ground, and particularly the Hill, which I feel is the most wonderful spot of any cricket ground in the world."

Sir Leonard reminisced that though he copped plenty of invective from the Hill, it also had precious moments for him.

During one match, while fielding on the boundary, he received eight invitations to join family gatherings in the homes of those lusty lunged but sincere Australian cricket followers.

Sir Leonard is now engaged with Fenner Dodge Ltd., an engineering firm which manufactures conveyor belting for collieries, and it seems appropriate that the champion at belting the ball to the boundary throughout the cricket world is still allied with a different type of belting.

Acquaintance was renewed with Arthur Morris, Neil Harvey, Alan Davidson and a host of those who joined him in friendly combat in the past.

And of Tattersall's, Sir Leonard said, "I last stayed here in 1958 and there have been many new facilities installed in the meantime. I have always felt that it is the finest Club in which I have ever stayed."

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### GUNPOWDER

Allan Ball tells an interesting story which happened some 60 years ago, but which today would occasion much TV interviewing and perhaps recourse to clairvoyants.

Allan's mother, when a single girl, was employed as a typist with the Government Explosives Department.

Now watch for it.

Also on the staff was a gentleman named Guy Fawkes.

So five good officers formed a syndicate and bought a ticket in Tattersall's Newmarket consultation which they named "The Gunpowder Plot". With that happy ending due to a good story, the ticket won first prize.

We consider there would be some cynical smiles if the Opera House lottery of today was won by "The Gunpowder Plot", c/- Mr. Guy Fawkes, Explosives Department, Sydney".

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### DINING, WINING & DANCING

If you would like to have recorded in these columns any social event or gathering, appropriate forms are available to you from the head waiter in the Dining Room.





**TATTERSALL'S CLUB**  
157 ELIZABETH STREET, SYDNEY

## NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members will be held in the Club Room on Wednesday, 10th June, 1970, at 8 o'clock p.m.

### BUSINESS:

- (a) To confirm Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the Members held on 11th June, 1969.
- (b) To adopt the Annual Report, Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and accompanying Statements for the year ended 28th February, 1970.
- (c) To elect a Chairman.  
Mr. Frank J. Carberry retires in accordance with the Rules and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
- (d) To elect a Treasurer.  
Mr. H. L. J. Fay retires in accordance with the Rules, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
- (e) To elect eight Members to serve on the Committee for one year.  
Messrs. A. G. Collins, G. A. Eastment, G. J. C. Moore, A. R. McCamley, J. R. McKell, J. P. O'Neill, P. W. McGrath and L. I. Tidmarsh are retiring members of the Committee, all of whom are eligible for re-election and offer themselves accordingly.
- (f) To elect an Auditor or Auditors.  
Messrs. Fell and Starkey retire and offer themselves for re-election.
- (g) To transact any other business that may be brought before the Meeting in accordance with the Rules of the Club.

N.B.—Nominations for the office of Chairman, Treasurer or Member of the Committee, signed by two Members and with the written consent of the Nominee endorsed thereon, must be handed to the Secretary by 5 p.m. on 13th May, 1970.

Nomination for Auditors must be lodged not later than 12 noon, 25th May, 1970.

J. R. THOMSON,  
Secretary.

1st April, 1970.

# PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

HON. THOMAS JANUARIUS SMITH

There are two budding cricketers making promising scores in junior cricket over Balmain way named Paddy and Tom Grattan-Smith.

Father of these Bradmans in the making is member, Paddy Grattan-Smith, whose academic degrees spell a medicine chief, radiologist and barrister.

But the purpose of this lead up is to tell some of the story of a rather amazing character, father and grandfather, the Hon. Thomas Januarius Smith.

Celebrating his 80th birthday Thomas Januarius, or T.J. as he has been known privately, personally and publicly during his exuberant, and at times ebullient career, was elected to membership of Tattersall's Club in 1929. He was nominated by the Hon. W. J. McKell, now Sir William.

T.J. proudly states that he attributes to our Athletic Department the main reason for his good health and longevity. From 1930, and for more than thirty years, he regularly visited the Third Floor swimming daily and frequenting the massage rooms.

As a veteran member of the Sydney Swimming Club (Domain Baths) he recalls an exceptional junior champion swimmer who today is our distinguished Chairman, Frank Carberry.

Born in Ireland, T.J. arrived in Sydney in 1912. He was a member of the crew of the SS Irishman, and his pay-sheet has this endorsement: "It took two months and nine days to reach Sydney from Britain. My wages were £3.15.0 per month, gross £8.12.6, less deductions, which includes the item Losses 2/-."



T.J. said, "The poor shipping company had to deduct from the lowly members of the crew 2/- each to assist it to pay insurance, breakages, loss of cutlery, etc. There was no business psychology in those days—you can imagine a chap seeing that he threw sufficient over the side to get his 2/- worth."

He worked in the shearing sheds, but his Irish eloquence and his ability to use his fists soon had him appointed as an

organiser for the shearers with the Australian Workers' Union.

In 1917 he became a member of the Legislative Council representing the electorate of King. As his doctor son, Paddy, described it, "Well, Dad, you represented the doctors of Macquarie Street, the wharf labourers of Woolloomooloo, and the ladies of Palmer Street—a mixed collection."

In 1919 proportional representation came into existence with five member seats, and King lost the services of T.J. In 1922 he was appointed to the Legislative Council, but the real turning point in his career was his becoming president of the NSW Fire Board.

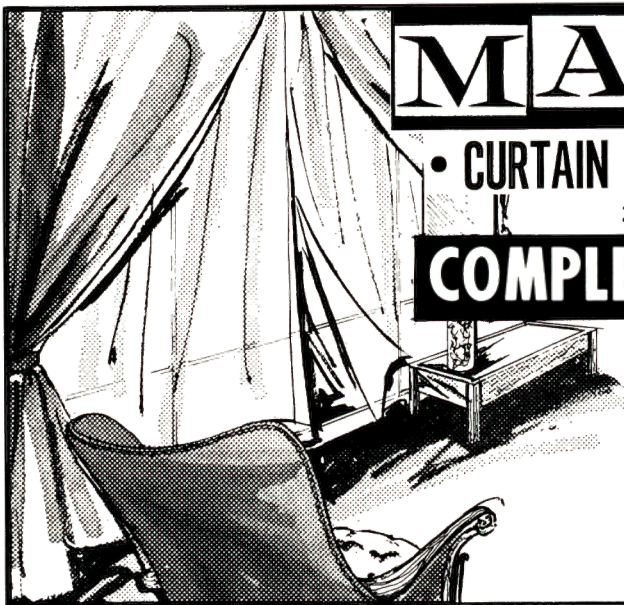
In his capacity, and for the next 30 years, T.J. saw the farewell of the horse-drawn vehicles and the standardisation of motor equipment, as well as making fire fighting training uniform throughout the State.

In his retirement, T.J. enjoys his game of bowls, and watches with enthusiastic interest the accomplishments of his descendants.

His daughter, Maureen, is a well known medico with the NSW Health Department, and her daughter, Patricia Scott-Young, is in her final year of medicine.

Of Paddy's seven children the two eldest sons, Paddy with a University scholarship, and Tom a Commonwealth scholarship, betoken another erudite family.

Our congratulations to you, Thomas Januarius Smith, and may the name of Grattan-Smith carry through Tattersall's Club's future history the escutcheon you so proudly created.



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# BOWLING NOTES

By FRED EMPSON

The big events of the month in the bowling section were the bi-annual matches against City Tattersall's Club and Waverley Bowling Club.

At Moore Park, on 26th February, we were guests of City Tattersall's for lunch and bowls. We played for the Laurie Taylor Trophy, but were beaten by 259 shots to 241. We have yet to win against City Tattersall's in this event, but as the score shows we are getting closer.



*Enjoying their game at Waverley, Mick Greenberg and Len Burke.*

Trophy winners for the day were: City Tattersall's, Ray White, Tom Cummings, Joe Harrison and Ron Young.

Tattersall's Club trophy winners were Homer Jones, Fred Spring, Ern Wright and Alec Gibson.

President, Fuz Porter, welcomed a new member in Jim Whyte.

In our match against Waverley we were again defeated by 222 shots to 217, and on this occasion we were the hosts. Trophy winners were Bob Lindsay, Phil Solomon and Frank Hidden.

Again two new members, Laurie



*Seen at Waverley, Keith Manion, Stan Chatterton and Tim Anderson.*

Maher (who is the editor of the magazine), and H. Coppelson.

At Double Bay on 5th March in our Thursday game, trophy winners were Sol Green, John Nevill and Stan Chatterton. We had 42 players and the winners won by 24 to 9.

Back to Rose Bay on 19th March, when John McKell, N. Moclare (visitor) and Jim Whyte won. Jim, in winning his first trophy with us, left his run until he got on his home green.



*Three foundation members of the Bowling Section still playing with Tattersall's after 22 years — Stan Chatterton, Harold Hill and Gordon Booth.*

## CEDRIC THE ARTIST

We might call this April issue of TCM a small gesture towards the celebration of the 200th anniversary of Captain Cook's entry into Botany Bay, which led to the settlement by Britain of a new continent, now known as Australia.

In so doing we are completely indebted to our popular and distinguished member, Cedric Emanuel, whose beautiful work adorns our centre pages. Cedric first studied art under Dattilo Rubbo, and then at the Julian Ashton school in Sydney.

Encouragement came when in his first exhibition the trustees of the National Art Gallery of NSW purchased two of his etchings for their collection. Later, they purchased pen drawings and a water colour.

Cedric received the award for etching

at the Sesqui-Centenary National Art Competition.

A book of his drawings, done in New Guinea during World War II, was published in the United States resulting in an offer by M.G.M. to join their staff in Hollywood.

His work was included in an exhibition of Australian art in U.S.A., and has been purchased by the Commonwealth Government.

As well as in the NSW Art Gallery, Cedric's works are in the collections of the national galleries of Victoria, New-castle and New Zealand, and many private collections in Australia and overseas.

Five extended painting tours of Europe, one on commission by a shipping organisation, have been of great benefit to his work in recent years.

Cedric has been a member of Tattersall's Club for 20 years.

Although sport was always in the background to his art efforts, he was a member of the Bondi team in 1928 which won the Australian surf title.

And here is another attainment that many might be slow to recognise as an attribute of this great and skilled artist. Cedric won the NSW amateur wrestling title, defeating "Gelignite" Jack Murray at the Sydney Stadium.

His son, David, is a member of our Club, and has figured successfully in Tattersall's swimming contests. A prominent footballer, David represented Australia in international matches, and also won the Australian Junior surf title.

Our congratulations to a gifted father and son team, Cedric and David Emanuel.





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*Cedric Emanuel 1970*

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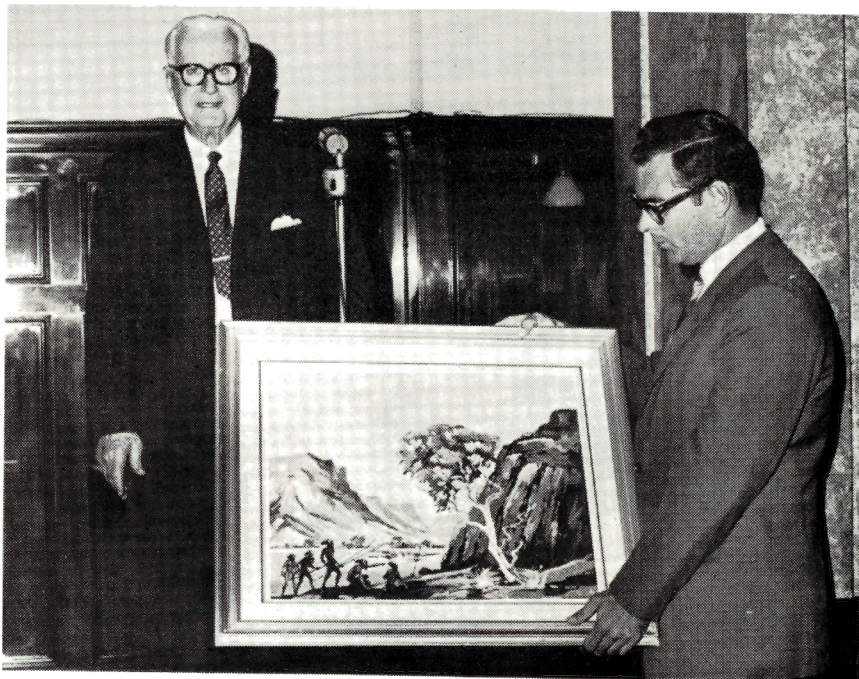




# AU REVOIR JOHN DEVITT



*Left to right: John Devitt, Greg Rogers and Greg's coach, Don Talbot.*



*Chairman, Frank Carberry, presenting painting to John Devitt.*

*Left to right: Leigh Bowes, Max Sernack, Sid Sernack, George McGilvray, Arthur O'Connor, Ken Glass and Dr. Bing Whitelaw.*



Some 60 of John Devitt's close friends and swimming associates joined in farewelling him on the eve of his departure overseas to take up a responsible position with his firm in developing a European market for their garments.

And the firm's product is guaranteed to add speed to even the average swimmer.

Organisers of the function were Norm Rogers, Arthur O'Connor, Jim Comans and Jim Thomson.

Eulogies of John were generous and well merited, betokening local lad making good in business as well as attaining the honour of the world's fastest swimmer.

Chairman Frank Carberry, in his usual succinct and breezy style, presented to John a splendid painting of an Australian scene.

It was typical of John that when he was asked to nominate what he would like to receive as a token from his friends he replied, "Something Australian".

Hence nothing could be more fitting than the painting depicting our sunburnt heritage and entitled "My Native Country".

Sir Leslie Herron and Australian Swimming Union president, Bill Phillips, each spoke in glowing terms of John's sporting prowess, gentlemanly conduct and business acumen.

John's thankful reply embraced all sections which had in some way contributed to his success.

John can rest assured that the niche which he has filled in Tattersall's Club, and particularly in the Athletic Department, will be kept vacant awaiting his return after successful business ventures abroad.





# SWIMMING NOTES

by Sam Block

## JACKSON IN POPULAR WIN

### TITANIC TUSSELE FOR NATIVE SON TROPHY AND DELIGHTFUL SEND OFF TO JOHN DEVITT

Star item in the pool during the month was the win of Derek Jackson in the February-March Point Score. Derek coasted to a well merited victory scoring 25 points, with Bruce Watson, Leigh Bowes and Basil Phillips all together on 23 points, followed by Bruce Upcroft a further point astern. During his membership Derek has been one of our most enthusiastic swimmers, and his efforts during the month cost him a second off his handicap.

Nice to see Ken Humphery take out a heat in the smart time of 20.8 secs., which resulted in him being docked a second. Another to have the red pencil used against him was 'Smiling' John Connery.

Best winning times recorded were R. Farrell, 20 secs., Ken Humphery 20.8 secs., and W. Henneberry 21 secs.

Happy event when Robyn Dobbins presented Chris with a baby daughter,

Sarah Jane, maybe next time a swimmer for Tattersall's Club... Congratulations to you both.

Norm Rogers is really walking on air, what with sons Greg and Neil both representing Australia in South Africa. Norm is, in racing parlance, the sire of the century—Agricola and Star Kingdom all rolled into one.

Noticed that 25 years ago Mr. J. F. Dexter, better known as "Pilot" in journalism, died aged 80. He was survived by seven sons, Jack (our late honorary secretary), Robert, Frank, Harry, Cliff, Alan, Ralph, and a daughter, Mrs. Blau. At one time six of the boys were journalists.

"Congratulations and good luck to a grand sportsman and a gentleman." So read part of the telegram from our good friend Fred Daly, MHR, in his apology for being unable to attend the complimentary dinner to our Swimming Club champion, John Devitt. That wish was typical of the good things said by all speakers when over 60 members and friends gathered at a particularly en-

thusiastic and successful function to do honour to John prior to his leaving for London to direct promotional activities for his firm.

I would like to express to John, on behalf of the members of the Third Floor, sincere good wishes, bon voyage and good luck, and I quote (in the words of the late Jack Dexter), "To the finest sportsman and gentleman to have ever represented Australia either at home or abroad." This sentiment is endorsed by all who have had the pleasure of associating with our Swimming Club champion.

The organising committee consisted of Jim Comans, Norm Rogers, Arthur O'Connor and Jim Thomson, and they are to be congratulated on the success of the function.

#### RESULTS:

**17th February. 80 Yards Brace Relay,**

**1st Division Final:** B. Cox and F. L. Bowes (46) 1, R. Tobias and M. Alexander (45) 2, M. O'Dea and B. Upcroft (51) 3, Time 44.4 secs. **2nd Division Final:** B. Watson and G. Stanford (57) 1, D. Jackson and G. McGrath (56) 2, B. Chiene and M. McCormack (48) 3, Time 54.2 secs.

**24th February. 40 Yards Handicap,**

**1st Division Final:** D. Jackson (30) 1, B. Cameron (31) 2, R. Farrell (20) 3, Time 29 secs. **2nd Division Final:** B. Watson (29) 1, B. Upcroft (27) 2, B. Phillips (24) 3, Time 28.3 secs.

**3rd March. 80 Yards Brace Relay,**

**Final:** M. Sernack and F. L. Bowes (51) 1, P. Edmonds and B. Cox (48) 2, D. Jackson and R. Farrell (49) 3, Time 48.2 secs.

**10th March. 40 Yards Handicap, 1st**

**Division Final:** R. Harris (23) 1, W. Henneberry (21) 2, W. Rowe (26) 3, Time 22.2 secs. **2nd Division Final:** C. Bowes (27) and B. Phillips (24), dead heat 1, K. Glass (25) 3, Time 26.5 and 23.5 secs. **3rd Division Final:** J. Connery (33) 1, W. Orme (23) 2, R. Tobias (24) 3, Time 31.4 secs.

**February-March Point Score.** D. Jackson 25, B. Watson 23, F. L. Bowes 23, B. Phillips 23, B. Upcroft 22, B. Cox 20, R. Tobias 19½, C. Bowes 19, A. Ball 18, S. Kay 17.

**Native Son Trophy,** all points scored to March 12th. The leaders are: L. Foley 97½, S. Kay 97½, K. Glass 97½, M. McCormack 94½, N. Rogers 93, A. Ball 92½, B. Cox 84, J. Reid 81½, A. Hickey 81, J. Ward 79½, C. Bowes 79, B. Upcroft 78½, B. Mortensen 78½, P. King 77, C. Robinson 74½, B. Cameron 74, W. Rowe 72, W. Henneberry 70, J. Comans 69, T. Forrest 68½, D. Bruce 67.

#### TEN AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

Left to right: Ken Foster, surfing; Bill Butchart, athletics; Greg Rogers, swimming and surfing; Jon Donohoe, swimming and surfing; Terry Buck, swimming and surfing; Arthur O'Connor, diving; John Devitt, swimming; Frank Carberry, swimming; Brian Mortensen, swimming and surfing; Father John Hayres, swimming.



Left to right: Sid Kay, Ken Humphery, Norm Rogers and Charles Robinson.







# BILLIARDS and SNOOKER NOTES

By ARTHUR MILLER

The closing date of the entries for the billiards and snooker tournaments is 27th April.

We expect to see many new faces and to have a record entry taking part in these events. Some special prizes have been added to both billiards and snooker tournaments, and this will give the long markers some incentive to improve the standard of their play.

I have been watching practice games, and it is apparent that many of our players are showing great improvement. Despite the fact that the handicappers may be looking on taking stock, our players are showing their best form like the good sports they are.

Take notice—be careful not to miss the final entry date—27th April.

Last week we had a visit from Tom Manning, bringing back nostalgic memories of the past to the oldies. Tom

was secretary of Tattersall's when we changed from the Pitt Street premises to our present address. Before the change-over the Committee decided to send Tom to the USA seeking ideas which could be incorporated in the plan of the new building.

Whilst overseas Tom learned that a swimming pool could be built several floors above ground level. The idea was adopted, and our pool on the Third Floor has proven a wonderful attraction for members. In fact, this was the only pool built above ground level in Australia at that period.

Tom, a most efficient secretary, helped carry the Club through some very difficult periods, especially at the time of the disastrous depression of the 1930s when membership dropped from 2,000 to 1,100. When Tom retired, the Committee bestowed life membership upon him for his valuable services to the Club.

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# FOR THE CHAMPIONS — HEARTS ARE TRUMPS

by C. J. Graves

The hearts of racing champions, Eclipse and Carbine weighed 14½ lb. and Phar Lap 14 lb.

I know of no others on record, the reason being perhaps that few undergo autopsy to discover how they ticked.

An owner who wanted the biological facts had to be enterprising to have a post-mortem performed on his horse.

That's why there are in the world so few of these mementos to be seen of the great racehorses.

Carbine had many souvenirs to his memory.

Carbine's skeleton and his preserved heart are in the Melbourne Museum, his head and bust (because he was bred in New Zealand) are in the Auckland Museum, while there is a handsome grave-stone in the grounds of Welbeck Abbey, the seat of the Duke of Portland, who had him at stud in England.

There were countless others, but they could not have been genuine, including hooves formed into handsome'y polished inkwells for the desk. Early in the century I saw so many of them scattered about clubs and offices in the Eastern capitals bearing a silver plate which bore the name "Carbine" which moved me to the thought that he must have had more legs than a centipede.

But the Duke of Portland was a zealous lover of horse-flesh who kept many remembrance tokens of his high class thoroughbreds.

Skin from Carbine's head and bust was stripped and set on a papier-mache replica of his noble head to be set up in the museum nearest to his place of birth in New Zealand. With carefully selected eyes the effigy was a lifelike appearance.

Carbine was Australia's greatest stayer of the last century and won 33 races including the Melbourne Cup of 1890, run in record time, carrying record weight 10.5.

He was sold in 1895 to the Duke of Portland for 13,000 gns., then the highest price ever paid in Australia.

In the few years he was at stud in Victoria before he was sold to go to England, Carbine was a notable success, siring the winners of 204 races worth £48,624, and in England he proved an outstanding stallion with Spearmint's English Derby to his credit.

The Duke of Portland bought Carbine to prove a theory that Musket's blood (Carbine's sire), mated with St. Simon blood would produce matchless racing stock. The Duke proved right and the union provided high class thorough-

breeds for many generations.

Racing in 1764, Eclipse became England's first champion. He was never beaten and in fact distanced all rivals in matches or races.

He became an outstanding stallion, establishing a bloodline which influenced world breeding of racehorses throughout the 200 years to date.

His enterprising owner ordered an autopsy to preserve his heart and skeleton for posterity.

Phar Lap, rated the best Australian racehorse of the current century, won the 1930 Melbourne Cup with 9.12.

On arrival in America he bolted in with the Agua Caliente of 1932, then the richest stake in the United States, run just over the border of Mexico.

On his way to New York to contest more historical races he died suddenly from acute colic.

Phar Lap's heart and skeleton are preserved at the Commonwealth Institute of Anatomy, Canberra.

Also at the Institute are five original certificates of the cause of death of Phar Lap issued by five leading American veterinary surgeons which I was able to obtain while working for "Smith's Weekly".

These offered a complete denial of the theory that Phar Lap was poisoned.

Eclipse and Carbine were the same height, 16.2 hands (5 ft. 2 in. at the wither), and Phar Lap 17.1 (5 ft. 9 in.).

After more than 20 years use as a stallion Eclipse died at 25 years and Carbine at 29.

Authorities say equine hearts increase in size with age. So the heart of Phar Lap who died at five years in prime racing condition compared favourably with those of the ancient champions, and Phar Lap was a gelding.

Phar Lap's heart was sent to Dr Stewart McKay, an authority on human and thoroughbred biology, and on history of thoroughbreds and racing. It weighed 14½ lb. on receipt, but after being trimmed for future preservation the weight became 14 lb.

I suppose you could nominate quite a number of champion racehorses who must have possessed huge hearts, but they were never dissected.

Bernborough, for instance, with his 15 straight wins under mighty weights in the Newmarket, Futurity and Doom-ben double.

Amounis, 33 wins including two Ep-soms, two Cantalas, a Williamstown and Caulfield Cups,

Gloaming, 57 wins, three Derbies and never worse than second in a race.

Peter Pan, 22½ wins including two Melbourne Cups, the last with 9.10 on the heaviest track in Cup history.

And of course, Tulloch, 36 wins worth more than any other thoroughbred ever earned, \$220,247. But he's still alive and at stud service.

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